**Make Your Own Recycled Bird Feeder Instructions**

**This craft uses sharp objects. Be careful, or have someone help you if you are not comfortable following these instructions yourself.**

What you’ll need:

- empty plastic bottle

- exacto knife or scissors

- something to puncture holes through the plastic (like an awl or nail)

- string or wire

- skewer or wooden dowel

- paint, jute twine, tree trimmings, anything to decorate (optional)

Step 1: Clean out the bottle and remove labels, then carefully cut out the openings. Only cut three sides of a rectangle, leaving the top so it can lift up and out like a flap. Do this on both sides.

Step 2: Using an awl or a nail, make a hole in the bottom side of the flap. Then feed a wire or string through the hole. Tie a knot then take the other end and tie it around the neck of the bottle so that the flap looks like an awning. Do this for both sides.

Step 3: Make a hole in the bottle cap. Feed both ends of wire or string through the hole and knot them together on the inside of the cap. This will make a loop so you can hang your bottle.

Step 4: Make a hole in the bottle just under the opening. Make sure the hole is in the same spot on both sides. Guide a skewer or wooden dowel through one hole and out the other. This will make a perch for the birds on both sides of the feeder.

Optional: Decorate using paint, rope, tree trimmings, or whatever you have lying around! (younger children can help with this step)